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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S Minutes
Thursday December 4, 2014
4:00 PM (MST)
Marriott Pyramid North - Santa Fe Room
5151 San Francisco, NE, Albuquerque, NM
Conference Call In
(218) 895-3850 Passcode 6291303#

Board Present:

Tom Klumker
Tommie Martin
Lewis Derrick
Doug Decker
Caren Cowan
Kendal Buzard
Sylvia Allen
Jackie Powell

Anita Hand
Richard Searle
Robert Corbell
Kendal Buzard
Kim Chesser

Proxies

Darr Shannon
Jackie Powell
Nita Taylor
Drew John

Non-Voting Members & Guests: Judy Keeler, A. Blair Dunn, Dori Richards, Dina Chacon Reitzel, Darell Brown, Bebo Lee, John Richardson, Howard Hutchinson

The meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice-President Lewis Derrick, Coalition Representative for Eddy County, New Mexico.

Item #1: Minutes

Action: The motion to approve the Minutes from the July 16, 2014 Meeting made by Caren Cowan seconded by Kim Chesser. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2: Treasurer's Reports

Action: The motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer Reports for filling for July, August, September, October and November 2014 Monthly Treasurer Reports and the November 2014 Litigation Fund Report for filling was made by Kim Chesser seconded by Jackie Powell. The motion passed unanimously.

In discussion about the treasurer reports the issue of payment of billings to Alex Thal and Budd-Falen Law Offices was brought forward. After deliberations on the issue the Board took a vote on making those payments.

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Action: The motion to approve the outstanding billings from Alex Thal and the Budd-Falen Law Office was made by Tommie Martin seconded by Kim Chesser. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Litigation Update – Karen Budd-Falen & Blair Dunn Mexican Jumping Mouse, Gila National Forest Travel Management Plan, Lesser Prairie Chicken

Karen was not present at the meeting so Blair Dunn updated the board on the Mexican jumping mouse litigation. Lewis Derrick spoke about the lesser prairie chicken suit pointing out that the federal court denied the motion transfer venue to the D.C. Court. Briefs have been filed and parties are awaiting answers to those briefs from the federal government and interveners. The Coalition is not party to this litigation but several of our county members are as well as the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association and the New Mexico Federal Lands Council. Howard reported that we are still awaiting the decision by Grant County on proceeding with the challenge to the Gila National Forest Travel Management Plan decision.

No Action Taken

Item #4: Consideration of Crafting Comments on Mexican Wolf 10(j) Rule Change Final EIS

Howard requested direction from the Board on crafting comments on the Mexican Wolf 10(j) Rule Change Final EIS.

Action: The Board authorized Howard to proceed with crafting comments.

Item #5: Executive Session - Discussion on Possible or Pending Litigation - Jaguar Critical Habitat, - Record of Decision Final EIS Mexican Wolf 10(j) Rule Revision - Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan Suit - Emergency Transfers and Leasing of Water Rights Without Hearings

Action: The motion was made to go into executive session to discuss threatened or pending litigation on Jaguar Critical Habitat, - Record of Decision Final EIS Mexican Wolf 10(j) Rule Revision - Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan Suit - Emergency Transfers and Leasing of Water Rights Without Hearings by Caren Cowan and seconded by Kim Chesser. Attorneys A. Blair Dunn and Dori Richards were requested to remain in the executive session to assist in the discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Lewis Derrick brought the Board out of executive session with the statement that only those items in the previous minute entry were discussed. He requested that the Board deliver the decisions reached for consideration in the open meeting.

No Further Action: Concerning the Record of Decision Final EIS Mexican Wolf 10(j) Rule the Board only received a progress report on the preparation of the complaint.

No Further Action: Concerning the Revision Jaguar Critical Habitat suit in Arizona the Board only received a progress report on having Pacific Legal Foundation file their complaint.

Action: The motion was made to contribute \$2,500.00 from the legal fund for Intervention into the CBD suit on the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan by Kim Chesser and seconded by Kendall Buzard. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: The motion was made to contribute \$1,000.00 to the litigation on Emergency Transfers and Leasing of Water Rights Without Hearings and to have Howard and A. Blair Dunn assist in crafting legislation to address the issue in New Mexico legislative session by Jackie Powell seconded by Kim Chesser. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:03 p.m.